GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3782
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ISSUANCE OF NOC FOR LIGNITE MINING OF HADLA RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for issue of NoC for Lignite Mining of Hadla Reserves from M/s. NeyveliLignite Corporationin Hadla in favour of RajasthanState Mineral DevelopmentCorporation for installation of Lignite based power project by Rajasthan Vidhyut Upadhan Nigam Limited;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal;

(c) whether it is not feasible for M/s. NLC to give NoC for mining of Lignite from Hadla;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the competent authority thereof; and

(f) the time by which this proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

a) A proposal for issue of No Objection Certificateto the allocation of Hadla Lignite Reserves in favour ofM/s. RajasthanState Mineral Development Corporation Limited (RSMDC)was received from M/s. Rajasthan Rajya Vidhyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) for installation of their proposed 1 x 125 MW lignite based power project.

b) to e) As Hadla block is located very near to Barsingsar block, M/s. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.(NLC), aGovt. of India Undertaking has identified this block for development for the second phase of the proposed Barsingsar Lignite Mining-cum-Thermal Power project for which substantial investments have also been made by them. M/s. RSMDChas reportedly agreed for allocation of Hadla Lignite Blockto NLC in lieu of an alternate block.As per the revised Coal-Mining policy of the Government of Indiadated 12.12.2001, the State Government companies are allowed to do mining of lignite reserves after obtaining a certificate from NLC to the effect that the latter has no plan or willingness to undertake mining operations for lignite in the concerned area.

f) Does not arise in view of reply from (b) to (e) above.